MR. PUTHUPALLI S. KRISHNA PILLAI : Sir, I beg to move that the Bill be referred to a Select Committee consisting of the following members to report within four months:—

Messrs. 1. S. Chattanatha Karayalar,
2. D. Francis,
3. K. G. Karunakaran,
4. Kottalil P. Abraham,
5. K. G. Govindan,
6. P. V. Mathai Chemparathy,
7. M. R. Narayana Pillai,
8. K. R. Narayanan,
9. Codiveetil C. Ramankunju,
10. P. Vivekanandam,
11. J. W. Tolson,
12. M. L. D'cruz,
13. N. Narayana Kurup, and
14. V. Chandamiah.

MR. C. C. JOHN : I second the motion.

The question that this Bill be referred to a Select Committee consisting of the above-mentioned members was put and carried.

The Bill was referred to a Select Committee.

THE TRAVANCORE FISHERIES ACT (SECOND AMENDMENT) BILL

MR. PUTHUPALLI S. KRISHNA PILLAI : Sir, I beg to introduce another Bill to amend the Fisheries Act and move that it be read in the Assembly. The two Bills could have been consolidated but for the fact that they were dealt with at different times. The emergency and importance of the first Bill necessitated its publication earlier than the other. But the second Bill purports to add an explanation to Section 23 of the Act. Section 23 authorises Government to apply the provisions of the Act to the shells of fish collected from the waters in the State. But a question has been raised whether the water mentioned in Section 23 includes sea water. Now some of the important shells of fish are to be obtained from the sea. The doubt has arisen from this fact. In some sections the word 'water' has been explained as including the sea water while in others no such explanation has been given. The interpretation is where such explanation is given, it includes sea water, but where it is not given, it does not include sea water. Hence it is necessary for the purpose of Section 23 to give an explanation to that. It applies to the conch and other shells taken from the sea. In spite of the fact that even now there is royalty———

PRESIDENT : Under Interportal Law they are part of the territory of Travancore.

LIBRARY ARCHIVES Kerala Legislative Assembly

MR. PUTHUPALLI S. KRISHNA PILLAI : Yes, Sir. The explanation is as follows :—

> 'For purposes of this Section, the word 'water' includes the sea within a distance of one marine league of the sea-coast.'

That is an explanation similar to the explanation existing in Section 8.

MR. C. C. JOHN : Sir, I second the motion.

The motion that the Bill be read was put and carried.

TITLE OF THE BILL.

SECRETARY : The title of the Bill shall be "the Travancore Fisheries Act (Second Amendment) Bill."

MR. PUTHUPALLI S. KRISHNA PILLAI : Sir, I beg to move that the Travancore Fisheries Act (Second Amendment) Bill be referred to the Select Committee already constituted for the Travancore Fisheries Act (Amendment) Bill.

MR. C. C. JOHN : I second the motion.

The motion was put to vote and carried and the Bill was referred to the Select Committee.

PRESIDENT : The House will now adjourn to meet again at 11-0' clock tomorrow.

The House adjourned at 2-52 P. M.

V. S. ARUMUKHOM PILLAY,
Secretary to the Sri Mulam Assembly.

LIBRARY ARCHIVES Kerala Legislative Assembly